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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: GREETINGS FROM SECRETARY TO PRIMIN KHULAYFAWI
AND FONMIN KHADDAM

REF: DAMASCUS 5228

PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES FROM ME TO PRIME
MINISTER KHULAYFAWI AND FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM:

BEGIN TEXT (KHULAYFAWI): DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES AS YOU
ONCE AGAIN ASSUME THE CHALLENGING POSITION OF PRIME MIN-
ISTER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA. I TRUST THAT THE SYRIAN
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PEOPLE, GUIDED BY THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT ASAD, WILL

SEE A FUTURE OF INCREASING PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY. LET ME ALSO SAY HOW MUCH I HOPE THAT, DURING YOUR TENURE IN OFFICE, THERE WILL BE ACCELERATED PROGRESS TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE U.S. WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BRING THIS ABOUT. BEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT.

BEGIN TEXT (KHADDAM): DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I AM GRATIFIED THAT YOU ARE TO RETAIN YOUR GREAT RESPONSIBILITIES AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN SYRIA'S NEW GOVERNMENT. I KNOW FROM OUR CLOSE CONTACT IN RECENT YEARS WITH WHAT ENERGY AND DEDICATION YOU HAVE DEVOTED YOURSELF TO THE SERVICE OF YOUR COUNTRY. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE COLLABORA-

TION AND THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US IN THE SEARCH FOR A LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT.

DEPARTMENT HAS NO PLANS TO MAKE THESE MESSAGES PUBLIC, BUT DOES NOT OBJECT IF SARG WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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